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In Re Application of: Charles Clendenning

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V3 5/11/00AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Box: ISSUE FEE Amendment

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Without withdrawing the above-identified patent application from issue, kindly amend the

application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 6, line 2, change "is" to --has--.

Claim 7, line 4, change "nose portion" to --adapter--.

Claim 11, line 2, change "is" to --has--.

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance has been received in the above-identified patent application but the Issue Fee has not, as yet, been paid.

A review of the allowed claims has revealed inadvertent errors in Claims 6, 7 and 11 which are now sought to be corrected. The amendments to Claim 6 and 11 simply place the claims in a preferred format. The proffered amendment to dependent Claim 7 allows for a proper antecedent basis for the terminology used throughout the claims. In view of the minor nature of these errors, no substantial amount of work and no new search is required.

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